

REMARKS

By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 7, 9, 10, and 12, to more appropriately claim the invention, and added new claims 13-20, to claim additional aspects of the invention. Applicant has also amended the title of the specification.

In the Office Action dated July 9, 2004, the Examiner objected to the title of the specification, and rejected claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by US Patent No. 6,718,516 ("*Claussen*").

TITLE OF APPLICATION

Per the request of the Examiner on page 3 of the Office Action, Applicant has amended the title of this application to --METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR REPRESENTING AND ACCESSING DATA FOR COMPUTER SOFTWARE APPLICATIONS--, as shown above in the **Amendments to the Specification** section.

REJECTION OF CLAIMS 1-12

Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of claims 1-12 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *Claussen* because *Claussen* fails to expressly or inherently disclose every element recited in each claim. M.P.E.P. § 2131 (8th Ed. May 2004). In particular, *Claussen* fails to disclose at least: accessing a custom tag library, wherein the custom tag library includes one or more tags each designating an XPath operation, as recited in independent claims 1, 3, and 5; determining a target data on which a determined action is to be performed by parsing an instruction to obtain an XPath operation indicating the target data, as recited in independent claim 6; custom tags to facilitate accessing contents of a document object model by permitting use of XPath

operations to access data, as recited in independent claim 7; custom tags to facilitate accessing contents of a document object model by permitting use of XPath syntax, as recited in independent claim 8; a tag handler that parses a custom tag included in instructions and evaluates an XPath operation based on the custom tag, as recited in independent claim 11; and a tag handler that parses a custom tag included in instructions and evaluates an XPath operation for accessing data based on the custom tag, as recited in independent claim 12.

On page 4 of the Office Action, the Examiner incorrectly alleges that Figs. 3-8 and column 5, lines 25-67 of *Claussen* disclose a custom library with one or more tags designating an XPath operation. In actuality, *Claussen* merely discloses using custom XML tags to process a DOM generated from XML code (Fig. 2; col. 5, line 10-12 and 24; col. 6, lines 8-13 and 53-63). *Claussen* does not disclose anything regarding XPath operations or XPath syntax. XPath provides easy syntax for specifying and selecting parts of an XML document or DOM, and is independent of a language separate from XML code.

Accordingly, the rejection of independent claims 1, 3, 5-8, 11, and 12, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *Claussen*, should be withdrawn. Further, the rejection of dependent claims 2, 4, 9, and 10, under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as anticipated by *Claussen*, should also be withdrawn at least by virtue of their dependence upon allowable claims 1, 3, and 8, in addition to the patentable subject matter recited therein.

NEW CLAIMS 13-20

Applicant has added new claims 13-20. Claims 13-20 are supported by the specification and deemed allowable over the prior art of record.

CONCLUSION

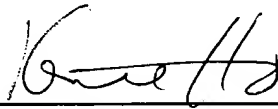
In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and reexamination of this application and the timely allowance of pending claims 1-20.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

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